

### REMARKS

The above-identified application was allowed in the Office Action mailed January 2, 2004. The Issue and Publication Fees are being paid concurrently herewith.

Subsequent to the receipt of the Notice of Allowance, Applicants note that claim 7 depends from claim 3, which has been canceled. Therefore, Applicants are also canceling claim 7.

The requested amendment is fully supported by the specification and drawings, will not require an additional search, and does not raise any new issues. Therefore, applicants respectfully request that this Amendment be entered and the requested change made.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

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By: \_\_\_\_\_

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